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DX News

OC-228 Granite Isl update by Andy VK5MAV

I am completely disappointed with the position of the Department of Nature for South Australia, which controls access to the islands. I have only one last option – very easy, time and conditions are limited, there will be no night activity since.

I plan to make a test visit to Granite Island on July 12, starting from about 1 to 6 am GMT. QRV on 20/15 m, CW. 100W, GP, battery. The propagation forecast shows slightly better conditions at 1-3 am – SP to EU, and 3-6 hours SP to NA.

Access to the island is allowed only in the absence of strong winds that day, only in daylight (from about 9:00 UTC 11/07 to 7:00 UTC 12/07). I can't work all daylight, sorry. Access to the island is via a long wooden bridge by tram or 3 km on foot, and several kilometers around the island. Everything should be brought by hand and returned after I plan to use a garden trolley (like Craig VK5CE).

Approaching #13 Most Wanted DXCC

It's been a few years since any mention of an Aves Island DXpedition(YV0). Indeed, we have no information on any long-term future plans to activate this rare DXCC entity; in this crazy world we live in nowadays it's probably unlikely anyway.

Still, this didn't stop us at DX-World HQ wondering if in fact the remote islet was again growing out of the sea. DXers may recall that 90% of Aves Island was washed away in 2007 after **Hurricane Dean struck**.

A quick check of Club Log shows Aves is at **#13 most wanted** and while none of this post is about any Aves Island Dxpedition, we still think the video is worth watching during this quiet DXing period.

https://www.dx-world.net/approaching-13-most-wanted-dxcc/

DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit https://www.dx-world.net/ for updates.

3A, MONACO Ennio 3A/IW1RBI is active until July 19. Operation during his spare time from 30 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

EA6, BALEARIC ISL Andy, DK5ON is QRV as EA6/call from Mallorca until July 11. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via Club Log OQRS, homecall or LoTW.

J6, ST LUCIA Bill K9HZ/J68HZ is operating daily between 01:00 and 10:00 UTC until September on 160 meter FT8. QSL via LoTW.

JD1, OGASAWARA Takashi, JH1FFW will be active as JD1/call from July 15 until July 19. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via bureau, LoTW. **KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY** Miguel, W1SRR is deployed in Guantanamo until mid-July 2021. Operation as KG4MA during his spare time on HF using SSB and digi. QSL information not yet known.

KH9, WAKE ISL Randy, WW6RG will be operating during mid-July as call/KH9. Operation from 20 and 18 meter using SSB during his spare time. QSL via home call. P4, ARUBA Bill N4IQ and Bob ND7J will be operating as P4/call between July 15-22. An entry in the IARU contest as P40US is included (July 11-12). http://p4aruba.com/

IOTA

This week on air

EUROPE

EU-047 Juist Isl Markus, DJ4EL will be active from July 10 until July 13. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-139 Kangaroo Isl Grant VK5GR and Andrew VK5AKH mention: that the VK5KI Expedition to Kangaroo Island (IOTA OC-139) has been rescheduled, although it has also been scaled down. It will not be coinciding with the IOTA contest for 2020 and instead will be held during the South Australian school holidays between July 13-18. It is also being converted into a holiday-style expedition. Operation from 80 to 10 meter and perhaps 160. https://vk5gr-iota.net/

NORTH AMERICA

NA-134 Aasiaat Isl Bo, OX3LX is QRV until July 30. Activity from 40 to 4 meter during his lunchtime and after dinner (main focus 50 and 70 Mhz). QSL via OZ0J.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

SV5, DODECANESE Claudio, HB9OAU will be operating as SV5/call from Karpathos Isl between September 12 and September 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

3B8, MAURITIUS A team with G0CKV and others will be active as 3B8M during the CQWW CW contest (Nov 28-29). Activity before and after the contest on the low bands. QSL via M0OXO.

3X, GUINEA The F6KOP team (E44CC) is preparing an DXpedition to Guinea and Kassa Island AF 051 during January 2021. Operation with 5 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. More to follow.

3Y, BOUVET The Rebels will try to activate Bouvet somewhere December 2020. More to follow.

8Q, MALDIVES Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be active from Male as 8Q7QR from September 4 until September 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the All Asian DX Contest is included. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

A3, TONGA Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as A35GC from October 19 until November 2. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND Hans-Martin, DK2HM will be operating as XR0YHM between August 27 and September 7. QRV in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digi. QSL via OQRS Club Log, LoTW or home call direct or bureau.

CEOY, EASTER ISLAND The Polish DXpedition Team with Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Wlodek SP6EQZ, Janusz SP6IXF, Roman SP9FOW and Piotr SP9RCL will be active as xr0ysp FROM September 15 until September 30. Plans are to be QRV with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8.

CYO, SABLE ISL Permission for a DXpedition has been authorized from October 19 until October 28. The team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU.

http://cy0dxpedition.net/index.html

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM from September 28 until October 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logs uploaded during the DXpedition to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau. **FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON** Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between September 22 and October 6. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, LoTW. http://www.kv1j.com/fp/July20.html

FS, ST MARTIN David, F8AAN will once again be active as FS/call from November 18 until December 4. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using CW only. QSL via Club Log OORS.

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: I have been given the OK by my employer for a two week DXpedition to FW land (Wallis & Futuna). This will be a CW only operation with a strong emphasis on Europe. Bands will be 40 – 6 meters. I'm seriously contemplating FT8 on 160/80 meters ONLY but it all depends how much room the 160/80 meter verticals will take up. Unfortunately, Saipan airport has been closed for the past month so I can't leave KH0 land even if I wanted to. As soon as everything opens up I'm ready to be FW/KC0W.

HBO, LIECHTENSTEIN Loic HB9HBY and Greg HB9TWU will be QRV as HB0/HB9HBY during July 24-26. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via EB7DX.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL A DXfriends DXpedition will take place to San Cristobal. QSL via EA5RM. More to follow.

JX, JAN MAYEN Ken LA7GIA announces a low band DXpedition as JX0X in September/October 2021. JX is high ranked on the low bands and also on CW and digital. The team members are Ken LA7GIA, Mats RM2D, Dima RA9USU and Dominik DL5EBE. Operation on all bands but with focus on the low bands. Also bands as 60, 20 and 17 meter depending on the conditions. Website to follow.

KH4, MIDWAY ISL Ron, KH6DV announces a trip to Midway in October 2020 for about 2 weeks. Midway Atoll is #14 on the Clublog most wanted list and has not been active for some time. The aircraft used for the logistics flights has been downsized and visitors are no longer allowed to fly to the island. Operators interested in joining the expedition should be prepared to undertake a 6.75 day ocean voyage. The vessel DXpedition veteran A/S Machias can be seen on my QRZ page KH6DV. The vessel will provide all power (2 x 27KW generators and air conditioned sleeping, operating and galley areas.) More to follow.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until Spring 2021 at the earliest. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

OX, GREENLAND Henning, OZ2I will be QRV as XP2I during the CQWW CW DX contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW preferred.

OY, FAROE ISLANDS Torsten DL4APJ and Udo DL2AQI will be operating as OY/calls from September 15 until September 23. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via homecalls, bureau and LoTW.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be active as PJ7AA from February 27 until March 27, 2021. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW and Club Log.

T8, PALAU Look for JM1LIG/T88FM, JA6UBY/T88RR and JO3LVG/T88MK between September 12 and September 21. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi.

TI, COSTA RICA Members of AB3G will be operating from different Costa Rican provinces during a week of Summits on the Air. They will be QRV between January 3-9, 2021. https://ab3g.weebly.com/#

TT, CHAD The Italian DXpedition Team will be active as TT8RR (CW, SSB and RTTY) and as TT8XX (FT8) between September 29 and October 12 from Ndjamena. Nine operators (I1FQH, I1HJT, I2PJA, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and IK2RZP) will be active with four stations on all bands. QSL via I2YSB (direct only). http://www.i2vsb.com/idt/

V4, ST KITTS John, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from Calypso Bay between August 22 and September 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW or home call direct.

VK9W, WILLIS ISLAND The 2016/2019 CY9C team, and the upcoming Sable Island DXpedition CY0C team, is pleased to announce our next DXpedition. After the Sable CY0C DXpedition, they will go to Willis Island VK9W in 2021. 8 Operators from those two teams will comprise the 2021 Willis Island DXpedition team. Boat arrangements have already been made. We are currently working with the Australian government for the necessary permits. (WA4DAN). More to follow.

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX will once again be active as XT2MAX during November / December 2020. QSL via EA5GL. More to follow.

YI, IRAQ Giorgio IU5HWS will be active from July 30 until end November. QRV on 40-20-10 meter. Giorgio will update his YI/IU5HWS page on QRZ.com with more details later.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Activity from November 21 until December 5. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO

Z6, KOSOVO A German team will be operating as Z66DX between October 15 and October 28. Operation with 3 stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. http://www.z66dx.de/

ZA, ALBANIA Franz, OE6TQG will be operating as ZA/call from September 6 until September 17. Operation on all bands using all modes. QSL via home call. **ZD7, ST HELENA** Oliver, W6NV will once again be active as ZD7W during the CQWW CW contest (November 28-29). QSL via LoTW.

Announced IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

EUROPE

EU-042 Pellworm Isl A team consisting DJ1JB, DJ4EL, DJ5TM and others plan activity from Pellworm Island (and other surrounding islands within the group) during August 27 to September 3. Activity as DJ4EL/P from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and verticals & quads. QSL via LoTW, homecall.

Markus, DJ4EL says: The goal is to activate a couple of islands around Pellworm which will be our headquarter. At least one island has never been activated before. Could be possible that we reactivate my DD4T DXpedition call and present a logo for that rare one. **EU-081 Saint Marcouf Isl** A Belgian team with ON5DZ, ON5HC, ON7PQ and ON8AZ will be operating as TM2U between August 23 and August 28. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via ON8AZ. https://www.eu081.be/

EU-113 Kythira Isl Markus, DJ4EL will be QRV as SV8/call from July 26 until July 30. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

EU-133 Gogland Isl A small team from Russian Robinson Club (R1MJ, R1CBL & RA1AGJ) will be active between July 23 and July 28. QRV as homecall/P with activity also planned during the IOTA Contest weekend. Activity from 160 to 15 meter. QSL via homecalls.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-152 Bol'shoy Begichev Dates are not yet confirmed, however the Arctic Legends team (RT9K) recently received their RI0Q license with a view to being active from Bol'shoy Begichev AS-152 in early 2021.

EUROPE

EU-090 Velika Palagruza Isl A team with S50X, S52P, S53Z, S58MU, 9A3SM and DM7AA will be operating as 9A20A around the IOTA contest, before and after the contest they will sign as 9A/calls between 80 and 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL for 9A20A via S58MU.

EU-174 Ammouliani Isl A team will be active as J48L during the IOTA contest (July 25-26). QSL via SV2CLJ direct.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-039 Adak Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Adak Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-070 Kiska Isl Rob N7QT, Yuri N3QQ and Yuri UA9OBA will be active as KL7RRC from Kiska Island during June 2021. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via N7RO.

NA-079 Dry Tortugas Isl A team with Connor W4IPC, Matt AE4MQ, James WX4TV, Zach KN4KVC, Mike N3KPU, Grace KE3G and Mason KM4SII will be active as N4T around December 2020. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, FT8 and satellites. QSL via LoTW. https://www.grz.com/db/n4t

OCEANIA

OC-037 New Zealand Sub Antarctic Islands The Perseverance DX Group (PDXG) has some unfinished business. Several members participated on the 2012 ZL9 activation that was cut short by weather. After their successful VP8PJ South Orkney Islands 2020 DXpedition, PDXG is pleased to announce their intention to activate the New Zealand Sub-Antarctic Islands (ZL9), Club Log #24 most wanted, in the 2021-2022 time-frame. The plan includes 160-10m operation, CW/SSB/RTTY/FT8, with emphasis on 160, 80, 60, 40 and, propagation dependent, 12 and 10 meters.

The landing permit process is pending and discussions with transportation partners have begun. However, the Covid-19 lockdown has caused significant delays and uncertainty.

OC-228 West Isl / Granite Isl Andy, VK5MAV/P hopes to be active from one of these IOTA's during the IOTA contest.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-092 Papegaaien Isl Markus, DJ4EL informs DX-World that he has new dates for his IOTA DXpedition to Papegaaien Island as PZ5G. He hopes to be QRV from this rare IOTA during October 16-19. Activity on 80-10m using CW and SSB.

- -PZ5G October 16-19 Grid GJ15kv (10-80 meter CW and SSB)
- -PZ5GE October 11-25, Grid GJ25kr (10-40 meter using SSB only) More on QRZ.com

Antarctica base stations

Syowa Station The 61st Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition's overwintering team at the Syowa Station on East Ongul Island (AN-015), Antarctica includes Taka, JA1AGS and Hiro, JH7JCX. In their spare time they are QRV from the 8J1RL club station, with activity on 40, 30, 20, 17 and 15 metres mainly FT8. They will be there until January 2021. QSL via the bureau to 8J1RL, or direct to JG2MLI.

Special calls

THE REMINDERS

FT8DMC 3rd Anniversary

Special event stations will be on air during the FT8DMC Activity Days <u>during July</u>. All stations will bear the **FTDMC or FTDM suffix**, referring to the third anniversary of the FT8 Digital Mode Club. <u>https://www.dx-world.net/wp-</u>

content/uploads/2019/07/FT8DMC-3rd-anniversary-press-release-english.pdf

5B, CYPRUS Amateur radio operators in Cyprus celebrate the 60th anniversary of their Cyprus Amateur Radio Society (CARS) <u>during 2020</u> as **prefix 5B60** (e.g. 5B4AIX turns into 5B60AIX). For QSL information see grz.com.

9M, MALAYSIA Due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, everyone is encouraged to follow the new norms of life with social distancing, washing your hands frequently and wearing face masks whilst being outside in public, even working from home (WFH). MARTS wishes to thank SKMM for approving the following special event callsigns to be used for a period of three months starting 15 May 2020.

- 9M4STAYHOME
- 9M4DUDUKRUMAH
- 9M4COVID19

These callsigns will be activated on HF and VHF frequencies covering SSB, CW and Digital modes from various locations all over Malaysia.

Coordinators are 9M2PRO, 9M2MDX, 9W2VWT and 9W2PD.

BV, TAIWAN Look for **BV120SU** to celebrate the 120th anniversary of Soochow University. Operation on HF <u>until August 4</u>. QSL via BU2EQ. (TNX DXNL)

CO, CUBA Operators of the Ham Radio Club Manual Alvarez are celebrating the centenary of the first radio station founded in 1920 by Manuel Alvarez. Operation as **T46W** on <u>August 21, 22 and 23</u>. QSL via LoTW.

DL, GERMANY DARC's local branch D13 (Maerkisches Viertel) will operate special call **DL73TXL** <u>until end June 2021</u> to say goodbye to Berlin-Tegel Airport (IATA code TXL), the main international airport of Berlin, which is expected to close permanently in early November. Along with Gatow and Tempelhof, it played a pivotal role during the Berlin Airlift (1948-1949), organized by the Western Allies to carry supplies to the people of West Berlin. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY DL250BEETH (special DOK 250LVB) joins the celebration of Ludwig van Beethoven's 250th birthday <u>until the end of the year</u>. QSL via DJ6SI direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY DM30RSV is the special call to commemorate the formation of the Radiosportverband, the first independent national ARC in Germany. QRV <u>until October 2</u>. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct via DK5ON, logsearch Club Log. https://www.darc.de/derclub/referate/dx/70e-jahre-darc-30e-jahre-rsv/

DL, GERMANY The special event station **DA2025C** (special DOK 2025CH) supports the bid of Chemnitz to become the European Capital of Culture in 2025. QRV <u>until the end of January 2021</u>. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY The special event callsign **DL35SDR** (special DOK 35SDR) draws attention <u>during 2020</u> to the rapid development of SDR technology during the past 35 years. It also recognises the achievements of Prof. Ulrich L. Rohde (DJ2LR) in that field. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL)

- **DL, GERMANY DAODOM** (special DOK 500DOM) draws attention to the completion of the cathedral in Magdeburg in 1520. <u>QRV during 2020</u> from 160 to 13 cm using CW, SSB, digital modes and FM. QSL via bureau, DL8CWA (d), LoTW. (TNX DXNL) **DL, GERMANY** Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (the German IARU society), special calls **DF70DARC** and **DP70DARC** are on air <u>during 2020</u>. QSL via bureau, LoTW or direct to DK5DC; logsearch on Club Log. http://www.70darc.club/ (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Yannick, DK1YH and others are active as **DL30GER** <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German reunification process. QSL via the bureau or direct via DK1YH. (TNX 425DX)
- **DL, GERMANY** Special call **DL100BKW** is active <u>throughout 2020</u> to mark the 100th anniversary of the first broadcast transmission from the Radio Station Koenigs Wusterhausen (22 December 1920), which is regarded as the birth of statutorily regulated broadcasting in Germany. QSL via Club Log OQRS. A certificate will be available, see grz.com for information. (TNX DXNL)
- **F, FRANCE** Mado F1EOY and others will be active as **TM5ISY** at <u>various times until</u> October 14. The special callsign is in memory of Carine Dubois, F5ISY, who passed away on 3 November 2019. QSL via F1EOY.
- **G, ENGLAND** Larry, G4HLN is active as **GB100GKU** <u>until July 28</u> to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the long-range maritime radio service in the United Kingdom. He will operate mainly CW on the HF bands. QSL via the bureau. GKU was the callsign of the first long-range maritime radio station in the UK, opened in 1920 from a site at Devizes, Wiltshire. It operated on long-wave frequencies and mainly worked the transatlantic liners. (TNX 425DX)
- **G, ENGLAND** Marking the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Royal Corps of Signals, special callsign **GB100RS** will be operated by members of the Royal Signals ARS from England <u>until August 8</u>, Northern Ireland <u>on 9 August-5 September</u>, Wales on <u>6 September-3 October</u>, and Scotland <u>on 4-17 October</u>. Additionally, **GB100RCS** will be active from the HQ station at Blandford Camp, Dorset as soon as permission to reopen it is received. See https://rsars.org.uk/ for more information. (TNX 425DX)
- **GW, WALES** Members of the North Wales Amateur Radio Group support the work of the Welsh Mountain Zoo with the callsign **GBOWMZ** <u>until July 17</u>. QSL via MW0JWP bureau. (TNX DXNL)
- **HB9, SWITZERLAND HB40HTC** and **HB40HC** are QRV for the Helvetia Telegraphy Club that is celebrating its 40th anniversary <u>in 2020</u>. QSL via bureau and LoTW. A special activity programme the HB Open CW Activity (HB-OCWA) Award will be in place throughout the year to mark the anniversary, help activate the special callsigns and also "inspire amateur radio operators in Switzerland and elsewhere to increase CW activity on the HF bands. The intent of the award is to encourage and reward them for conducting sustained CW conversations rather than short-duration CW signal reports". https://hb-ocwa.ch/
- **HS, THAILAND** Members of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) are active as **E2STAYHOME** <u>until July 15</u>. All QSOs will be confirmed via LoTW and the bureau, direct cards via E21EIC. (TNX 425DX)
- I, ITALY Members of the Italian Naval Old Rhythmers Club (www.inorc.it) will be active as IIOICEH from July 18 until August 1. They will operate only CW. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. A certificate will be available. ICEH was the callsign of the Italian ocean liner "Andrea Doria", most famous for her sinking on 26 July 1956, after the Swedish MS "Stockholm" collided with her off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts. (TNX 425DX)
- **I, ITALY** The ARI section Mondovi hosts the 19th DCI meeting, the 17th WAP meeting, and the 11th IFFA meeting from September 18 to 21. The special event station **IP1DCI** operates in this context <u>until September 30</u>. QSL via IK1QFM.
- **I, ITALY** Look for **IO6STAY** during the COVID 19 period. Operation <u>until July 20</u>. QSL via IK6QON direct.
- **I, ITALY** Look for **II3FYT** to celebrate 5 years of Gruppo Radio Dispersi. QRV <u>during</u> 2020. (TNX IW3HV)

I, ITALY Members of the 4U1GSC Amateur Radio Club is active as **4U25B** <u>until end</u> <u>August</u>. It draws attention to the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Logistics Base in Brindisi. QSL via 9A2AA direct or bureau. (TNX DXNL)

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a series of special calls <u>during 2020</u> to commemorate 12 major events and achievements in Guglielmo Marconi's life:

July: II4NBL Marconi is awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (1909)
August: II4CLT Inauguration of the radio station at Coltano (1911)

<u>September</u>: **II4PTN** Marconi applies for his first patent (1896)

October: II4LGH Marconi switches on the lights at Sydney Town Hall from Genoa

via wireless transmission (1930)

November: **II4RVT** Inauguration of Vatican Radio (1931)

December: **II4MDY** Marconi Day at Chicago World's Fair (1933)

QSL via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. See http://arifidenza.hamlogs.net/ for the award and more info.

I, ITALY The ARI section of Bruneck activates the callsign **II3STAY** <u>until end 2020</u>. QSL via IN3ZWF (d/B). (TNX DXNL)

JA, JAPAN Members of the JARL Okinawa Branch are supporting the reconstruction of Shuri Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage building which burned down on Oct. 31 2019, with the special event station **8N6SHURI** during 2020. QSL via bureau. (TNX DXNL) JT, MONGOLIA JU85UIA celebrates the founding of the University of Internal Affairs 85 years ago. Operators throughout 2020 are JT1CH, JT1BZ, JT1BU, JT1DR, JV1A, and JT1BV. QSL via JT1CH (d). (TNX DXNL)

LX, LUXEMBOURG LX201 is the special call for the LX7I contest station in Eschdorf, Luxembourg to celebrate its 20th anniversary. It will be used <u>for most contests in 2020</u>, starting a single-operator entry in the CQ WW 160-Meter CW Contest (24-26 January). QSL via LX2A. A special LX20I Award will be available. http://lx7i.com/lx20i/

LZ, BULGARIA Special call LZ50BFRA is active until end 2020 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bulgarian Federation of Radio Amateurs. Founded on 26 April 1970, BFRA is the national IARU member society. QSL via LZ1BJ (bureau). (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Wolfgang, OE1WWL is celebrating his golden jubilee in amateur radio during 2020 as OE1970WWL. An entry in the CQ WW WPX SSB contest is included (March 28-29) as OE0WWL. QSL via home call, bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE25EU is celebrating the 25th anniversary since Austria acceded to the European Union. It will be used during the first full weekends of July-November. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Czechoslovak DX Club, special callsign **OL30DXC** will be active on all bands and modes from now <u>until 31</u> <u>December</u>. A special QSL card will be sent automatically via the bureau; direct cards go via OK2PXJ. (TNX 425DX)

OK, CZECH REPUBLIC OK4RQ, OK1VP, OK1AY, OK1DOL, OK6DJ and OK1IWS will be active throughout 2020 with the special event callsign **OL725PLZ** to mark the founding of Plzen 725 years ago. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log OQRS or OK1DRQ direct. (TNX DXNL)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS Special station **PA75VERON** is active <u>during 2020</u> to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Vereniging voor Experimenteel Radio Onderzoek in Nederland. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via LoTW only.

S5, SLOVENIA Members of the Radio Club Cerkno are active as special event callsign **S500E** throughout 2020. Activity is to mark half a million QSO made from the S50E - JN76AD station. A special QSL will confirm each contact via the bureau in early 2021. LOG will be uploaded on ARRL LoTW and CLUBLOG on a regular basis. For those who want to send card direct please request QSL over Clublog OQRS (preferred) or send SASE with 3 US\$ or equivalent in EUR to cover return postage to QSL manager Miran Vončina S50O, Cvetkova 35, 5282 Cerkno, Slovenija. Cards with insufficient postage or no return envelope will be returned via the QSL bureau. Special S500E T-shirt will be awarded to station with highest number of QSO (band/mode) from each continent and Slovenija. For more information, updates and useful links please visit Radio Club Cerkno S50E website at http://www.s50e.si/ (TNX S50U)

- SP, POLAND Special calls 3Z90PZK, HF90PZK, SN90PZK and SP90PZK are QRV during 2020 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK, Poland's IARU Society). Active during the same period are also HF90TPAR, HF90TPBB, HF90TPBF, HF90TPBG, HF90TPCF and HF90TPCG, whose suffixes memorialize the callsigns of the founding members of the Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow, the first amateur radio club in Poland and forefather of PZK. QSL via operator's instructions. (TNX 425DX) SV, GREECE The Hellenic department of the 'Fifth Ocean Ham Aviator's Club' will be operating during September as SX1AFM. This to commemorate the 70 years since the establishment of the Hellenic Air Force History Museum. QSL see QRZ.com.

 UA, RUSSIA Special call UE45SA will be active on July 11-19 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project. Conducted in July 1975, it was the first joint US-Soviet space flight. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via RV3YR. (TNX 425DX) VK, AUSTRALIA The Western and Northern Suburbs Amateur Radio Club (WANSARC) celebrates its 50th anniversary as VI50AWS until end August. All contacts will be confirmed with a special QSL. https://www.wansarc.org.au/
- VK, AUSTRALIA Special callsign VI110WIA celebrates the 110th anniversary of the Wireless Institute of Australia. Operation <u>until end 2020</u>, it is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. (TNX 425DX) VK, AUSTRALIA The Wireless Institute of Australia has joined the "Stay Home" campaign and be active as VK20HOME <u>until end 2020</u>. The special call is available for use by WIA affiliated clubs and all WIA members. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX) VU, INDIA AT2THC is a special callsign used <u>until August</u> by the Tripura Ham Radio Club in Agartala to provide assistance during the COVID-19 emergency. QSL via VU2LJB. (TNX 425DX)
- **XE, MEXICO** The special event stations **4A60A**, **4A60M**, **4A60E**, **4A60X**, **4A60I**, **4A60C**, **4A60O**, **4A60N**, **4A60F** and **4A60S** celebrate the founding of the Asociacion de Radio Aficionados de la Republica Mexicana (ARARM) 60 years ago. QRV <u>until July 25</u>. The club also offers an award for contacts with these stations.
- **XE, MEXICO** The DXXE group celebrates their 15th anniversary <u>during 2020</u> with the special event callsign **4A15DXXE** on HF. Members are also planning operations with special callsigns from other countries. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)
- **YJ, VANUATU** During the month of July, a team consisting YJ8CW, YJ8ED & YJ8RN will be active as **YJ040IND** in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Independence of Vanuatu. QRV mostly at weekends on 40-20-15m, CW/SSB/FT8.
- YO, ROMANIA YO1STAYHOME and YO19STAYHOME are both currently active and will remain on air <u>until September 15</u>. An award is available as well. (TNX DXNL) YU, SERBIA Look for YT50SCWC by the Serbian CW Club to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Operation <u>during 2020</u>. QSL via YU1MM, direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.
- **ZS, SOUTH AFRICA ZS1820S** celebrates the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the 1820 British Settlers in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa. The call sign will be active during 2020 on various bands and modes. QSL is via the bureau to ZS2EC, also via LoTW, Club Log and ORZ.
- **ZS, SOUTH AFRICA** Look for **ZS95SARL** <u>during 2020</u>. This to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the South African Radio League, founded in May 1925 as South African Radio Relay League. QRV on HF, VHF, UHF and via satellites. QSL via bureau.